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New Hardy Alpine Iris

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Packing will be done in the most careful manner and will be charged at cost to ourselves in time, labor and material.

We make a specialty of growing Choice Native Hardy Flowering Perennials, Shrubs and Trees, and will have the material for supplying the wants of landscape architects, and any lady or gentleman intending planting new estates.

We shall be pleased to make special quotations for large quantities.

The Nurseries are three-quarters of a mile from either Stockbridge or Glendale Stations.

Special descriptive list of Hardy Perennials will be published in August, and will be sent on application.

LAUREL HILL NURSERIES,

FRANK BRUNTON, Manager.

Stockbridge, Mass.



GROUP OF WHITE ALPINE IRIS.—VAR. VICTOR.

Standards, stigmas, falls and beard, all pure white.

New Race of Early-Flowering

HARDY ALPINE IRIS.

(NEW HYBRIDS.)

Suitable for edgings, rockwork, etc. Large fragrant flowers for table decoration, small vases and bowls.
Bloom from March to May; earlier in more southern states.

This new race of Irises has been evolved and developed from nearly every early flowering species obtainable during the last twenty years, in which the raiser, D. J. Caparne, has been engaged in collecting, hybridising and illustrating the genus.

They are hardy and vigorous in constitution, neat in habit, very free in flowering and, at the same time, most suitable for greenhouse and slight forcing treatment. They may be grown in small pots or in quantity in shallow pans and boxes. Their flowers, in all colors, are most welcome additions to Winter and Spring flowering plants.

DESCRIPTION.

S signifies Standards, or upper part of flower. F signifies Falls, or lower petals.

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| Adelaide , bluish white, 8 in. Price, \$1.00 each. | Ianthe , primrose self; open. |
| Alice , rich yellow self veined brown. | La Perle , good pale sulphur. 9 in. |
| Alda , good white. \$1.00. | Mazarin , primrose, yellow. |
| Aureole , canary. | Meteor , good purple. |
| Atlas , S crimson, F deep crimson. | Milton , yellow and orange. |
| Beatrice , S fawn, F pale yellow. 9 in. | Nimrod , red. 6 in. Good. |
| Berilloz , rich purple. 6 in. | Norma , purple, early. |
| Clothilde , purple, dwarf, open flower. | Othello , purple, bronze and orange. |
| Charmer , light cream. | Obelisque , rich deep purple. |
| Curiosa , S sulphur, F purple. | Penelope , rich yellow. 9 in. |
| David , S pale purple, F claret. | Queen , dwarf, sulphur, self, open. |
| Delicata , white and cream. | Rosale , claret. 9 in. \$1.00. |
| Diana , sulphur white. | Rosine , good white. 10 in. \$1.00. |
| Eclipse , red purple, white beard. 9 in. | Sabrina , purple self. 9 in. |
| Eldorado , large flowered blue, | Scott , sulphur, gray falls. |
| Elfrida , yellow, orange red. | Uranus , red purple, white beard. 75 cents. |
| Ernest , sulphur gray purple. | Venus , blue, green and white. |
| Evelyn , sulphur, orange beard. | Victor , dwarf white, large flower. \$1.00. |
| Goethe , soft yellow, falls veined; free. | Vestal , primrose self. 9 in. |
| Grandee , rich purple, large and good. \$1.00. | Virgo , purple. 9 in. |
| Haydn , white, porcelain purple. | Vivian , yellowish white. |
| | Voltaire , sulphur white, blotched falls. |

Price: Fifty cents each; \$45.00 a hundred, excepting those individually priced.

NOTE:—Where the description is similar, the flowers either bloom at different times, or are quite distinct.

Extract from "The Garden," London.

"To describe these new dwarf Alpine Hybrid Irises, one must say that they are rhizomatous plants with practically evergreen leaves, some six inches and eight inches long (perhaps three and four inches at flowering time), and one-half inch to one inch in width, growing in tufts; the flowers are produced in early Spring, as soon as the weather breaks and will allow of growth. They are large, often larger than the plants which produce them, standing some six inches, eight inches, and, in the tallest varieties, ten inches high, with stiff, succulent stalks, which enable them to remain fresh when cut for a considerable time.

"In color they range from purest of white, white and cream, white and yellow, pale primrose selfs, through yellows to rich yellow with orange. Many have orange beards, then porcelain, pale sky-blue, deep blues, violets, lavenders, purples to black and bronzes, pure crimsons and clarets, both in self colors, and in combination with blues and purples. Each flower lasts in perfection for from three to six days.

"As for situation they are perfectly hardy—will succeed in exposed wind-swept positions, small borders, edgings, on rock-works or old walls, for they require very little soil, and revel in free air and sunshine. They do well on a sunny bank overhung with trees, where it is too dry for anything else to grow, for they enjoy a thorough drought in Summer, and to be well drained for winter.

"What they cannot stand is sodden soil under shady trees, or to be covered in any way by tall weeds or other plants.

"Otherwise, when once planted, they take care of themselves.

"With an annual clean-up of dead leaves and freedom from weeds, they soon form large patches with scores of flowers; in fact, during flowering time no plant can vie with them for brilliant mass of color, and for the rest of the time they are neat, tidy, bright green, cheerful looking plants, that give great variety by their foliage alone to the border of rock-work, or whatsoever position they may be placed in.

"They force readily, and, as a newly-forced flower, prove a great addition to the greenhouse, where their bright, conspicuously large flowers give an attractive display during January and February. Care must be taken, however, after they have come into bloom to give air, and otherwise to keep cool, to preserve the flowers. In a cool greenhouse, where they are perfectly happy, they bloom in February and March, and are both a new and notable subject. Their flowers are fragrant, and the many intricate lines and markings can be well seen close at hand.

"Thus the beauty and pre-eminence of Iris over many other flowers is that the more they are examined and looked into close at hand, quite apart from their decorative effect in the garden, the more interest and beauty do we find in them, and here comes in their special fitness for table decoration."

Some of the happiest effects in table decoration can be gained by unconventional means in laying the blossom of the Iris, snapped off, and without stalk or water, upon the white cloth.

WE GROW ONLY THE BEST COLORS IN IRIS AND THESE BY THOUSANDS

THE FORCING PLANT OF THE FUTURE.



NEW ALPINE HYBRID IRIS.—JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1902.

Plants were lifted from the open ground at end of October, boxed and placed in a cold house until the middle of December; heat was then applied.



GROUP OF HYBRID ALPINE IRIS (Feb. 1902).
Showing Adaptability to Pot Culture.

IRIS GERMANICA.

This large group of *Iris Germanica*—splendid, hardy garden plants—is listed separately, partly because of its importance, partly because of the anticipation of frequent annual additions, and partly because the whole, as a class, benefit by, and are marked for Summer or early Fall planting. This is very particularly the case as regards the beautiful (so-called) “German Iris,” and our “New Hardy Alpine Hybrids,” to which attention has just been called.

There is no better time for planting these than in the months of August or September.

Thus planted, and watered, if weather and ground are very dry, the roots at this season rapidly take hold of the soil, far more rapidly than if planted later in the Fall. They bloom sooner.

The rhizome should be carefully left on the surface, and not buried with the root, unless the soil is sandy and light.

The garden value of this group of “Bearded Iris,” popularly known as “German,” can scarcely be overestimated. It consists as much in their extraordinary ease of culture, if this term may be used, where no care after planting is generally needed, as in their adaptability to any soil, in their splendor, variety and solidity of their blossoms, and in the neatness of their growth. Their great suitability for suburban and even for city gardens, has often been noticed.

Imported and stale roots should on no account be planted. However cheap on paper, off it none will so judge them who have compared results with those secured from some specialist or reliable grower.

It is especially recommended, too, that the selection of the varieties be made, if possible, in sight of the plants when in bloom, for totally different sorts of quite unequal value may otherwise be received under the same or similar names; further, so many collections are in commerce in Europe and imported annually from Dutch and French growers, and so well nigh innumerable are the varieties offered, that many of these greatly resemble each other, and it needs care to secure well-marked and distinct varieties.

The most desirable are by no means too plentiful and might rapidly become scarce and expensive if their merits were better known.

The best results cannot be looked for the first year after planting, for these can only be had when the plants have firmly taken possession of the ground, and have grown into large clumps. But of course these results may be hastened by planting, in the first instance, clumps instead of smaller plants.

German Iris, though accommodating themselves well to varied soils and conditions, generally bloom best in full sun and in a hot and dry soil. They do not belong to the and smaller and distinct class of waterside or moisture loving Iris. Indeed, the Summer must be exceptionally hot in which they profit by watering.

Interesting as are extensive collections of many varieties, there is no doubt that greater effect is secured by planting together en masse a quantity of each variety, though in but a limited number of sorts. Of these the greater number should be of the most telling colors, such as *Aurea* (golden yellow), *Pallida* or *Dalmatica* (lavender), *Queen of May* (rosy purple), *Florentina*, *Princess of Wales* or *Innocenza* (white), *Atropurpurea* (dark purple), *Durini* (yellow and purple), *Mme. Chereau* (blue and white).

Extra Fine Varieties of IRIS GERMANICA.

(S) signifies Standards, or the erect petals, (F) Falls, or the drooping petals.

	Each.	Doz.
Abou Hassan , (S) rich yellow, (F) deep yellow striped and mottled brown	\$0 25	\$2 50
Alba , (S & F) pure white, quite distinct from <i>Florentina</i> or any other white	20	2 00
Albicans , " Princess of Wales ," snow white, one of the best.	25	2 50
Amœna Unique , (S) French white, (F) violet suffused white, very free flowering	25	2 50
Aslatica (new), (S) a bright clear blue, (F) a rich violet, a bold handsome flower, one of the largest, very distinct. First Class Certificate, R. H. S. (Royal Horticultural Society, London)	35	3 50
Aurea , (S & F) rich clear golden yellow, the finest of the yellow selfs and a splendid flower. This must not be confounded with the species of this name, which is quite distinct	20	2 00
Cœleste , (S) blue, (F) pale azure blue	20	2 00
Darlus , (S) soft rich yellow, (F) lilac, beautifully reticulated with brown and white margined with primrose. Awarded a First Class Certificate	30	3 00
Flavescens , a large self-colored flower of a pleasing shade of primrose	25	2 50
Florentina , (S & F) white, slightly flushed, and very fragrant	20	2 00
Gracchus , (S) primrose, (F) crimson, heavily reticulated with white and margined primrose. One of the finest, wonderfully free blooming and the earliest of all. First Class Certificate	20	2 00
Jacquiniiana , (S) bright bronzy crimson, (F) rich maroon, very free	20	2 00
L'Innocence , (S) pure white, (F) white, stained orange, splendid flower and very free.		
Madame Chereau , (S & F) white, elegantly fringed with azure blue, one of the best. True	20	2 00
Macrantha , (S) pale blue, (F) indigo purple, flowers of immense size	35	3 50
Mrs. Neubronner , (new), a very fine and striking variety, dwarf and very free flowering, of a rich golden yellow, quite a new shade	35	3 50
Pallida Dalmatica , (S) lavender, (F) lavender with a rose tinge, very large and fragrant	25	2 50
Pallida racemosa , (S) pale blue, (F) rich blue, very free flowering	25	2 50
" variegata , (new), pale lavender flowers, very conspicuous, variegated foliage.	25	2 50
Piumeri , (S & F) rich coppery red, very free and one of the first to flower	25	2 50
Queen of May , a most delicate self rose pink	20	2 00
Sambucina Le Vesuve , (S) lavender, flushed bronze, (F) deep rich violet	20	2 00
Sans Souci , (S) yellow, (F) yellow reticulated crimson	25	2 50

We shall be glad to quote special prices per 100 and 1000.

NEW CRIMEAN IRIS.

(Pumila and Olbiensis—HYBRIDS.)

A beautiful group resembling the German Iris, only growing from nine to eighteen inches, remarkable for their vigorous growth and marvelous quantity of flowers, and most of them very fragrant. For the rockery, or borders, or as edging plants, they are invaluable, growing in almost any soil, hardy under any circumstances, and well deserving extensive cultivation. The new varieties we are now offering are seedlings, the raising of a prominent amateur grower in England, far superior to anything raised before, freer in bloom, larger flowers and far more varied in color than any of the old varieties.

WE GROW HARDY PERENNIALS, PEONIES AND DELPHINIUMS IN THOUSANDS.

NEW CRIMEAN IRIS—Continued.

- (S) signifies standards, or the erect petals; (F) signifies falls, or the lower or drooping petals.
- Barbara**, (S) purplish crimson, (F) dark crimson purple distinct shade, very free flowering.
- Beauty**, (S) rich creamy yellow, beautifully crimped, (F) pale yellow flushed purple.
- Blanche**, (S) sulphur, (F) pale yellow, medium sized flowers, sweetly scented and remarkably free.
- Blue Beard**, (S) French white, (F) deep purplish blue, center flushed with yellow.
- Blue Stone**, (S) bright purplish blue, (F) deep crimson purple, very free and scented.
- Bridesmaid**, (S) white faintly stained pale lavender, (F) yellow flushed with blue, very striking.
- Canary Bird**, (S) rich canary yellow, (F) very large, of a deep rich yellow.
- Conspicua**, (S) French gray, (F) sulphur stained purple, novel combination of color.
- Curiosity**, (new), (S) and (F) yellow stained and splashed in the most remarkable manner; one of the most distinct of the new varieties.
- Delicata**, (S) sulphur yellow, (F) pale bronzy yellow, very free flowering.
- Golden Ball**, a very striking variety, almost a self yellow, large flowers and sweetly scented.
- Golden Dwarf**, (S) and (F) rich canary yellow, extra large flowers and very dwarf.
- Harlequin**, (S) large gray stained pale blue, (F) bronze stained purple.
- Innocence**, (S) snow white, (F) white striped and flushed purple, one of the finest in my collection.
- Nlobe**, (S) bright purple, (F) very dark blue, almost black, very distinct.
- Orange Queen**, (S) very bright orange, (F) deep orange flushed purple, very free.
- Princess Louise**, (S) lavender blue, (F) dark lavender blue, a charming variety.
- Purple King**, (S) rich violet, (F) deep purple, conspicuous orange beard, remarkably free.
- Snowball**, (S) silvery white, (F) sulphur, edged and faintly striped blue, medium sized flowers, very free.
- Standard**, (S & F) rich purple, large flowers, and very free.
- All the above each 35 cts., \$3.50 per doz.

IRIS—Species and Varieties.

The following embrace some of the finest in cultivation, but only those for outside planting are enumerated; they will be found exceedingly varied in growth, varying from three inches to six feet in height, and equally as varied in their adaptabilities; some revel in a very hot sunny border, while others form splendid specimens near water. Monnierii, Ochroleuca, Sibirica, Virginica, Pseudo-necorus fol. var., and others, do well in such positions.

	Each.	Doz.
Aurea , a bold growing plant, foliage and stems erect, 5 feet high, having large gold and yellow flowers, beautifully fringed. Strong plants	\$0 25	\$2 50
Balkana , dwarf, very free flowering, bright lilac purple.	25	2 50
Benacensis , pretty dwarf species, with bright violet colored flowers		
Cristata , a gem for a dry sunny position, only grows 6 inches, with flowers of a lovely amethyst blue, beautifully fringed, spotted and striped orange	15	1 50
Cuprea , (<i>fulva</i>) a very distinct species, long evergreen grassy foliage, with rich coppery orange colored flowers, in late summer.	35	3 50
Delavayi , tall narrow foliage, medium size flowers of an ultramarine blue tinged purple.	25	2 50
Fimbrata , (<i>Japonica</i>) one of the finest of the half-hardy Iris, flowering during winter and early spring, flowers a beautiful shade of light blue fringed and veined white, fine for forcing	25	2 50
Fœtidissima , (<i>Gladwyn Iris</i>) purple flowers with bright scarlet seed pods, which are highly prized for winter decoration.	20	2 00
Fœtidissima , fol. var., a very pretty foliage plant, foliage broadly striped with white, and in character the whole of the year.	25	2 50
Graminea , numerous blue and white flowers, dwarf and very free flowering. Flowering June and July. A beautiful variety.	20	2 00

WE COLLECT AND GROW CHOICE NATIVE SHRUBS BY THOUSANDS.

IRIS, SPECIES AND VARIETIES—Continued.

	Each.	Doz.
Guldenstadtiana , tall strong grower, foliage yellow in the spring, changing to green in the summer; pale blue and yellow flowers.	\$0 35	\$3 00
Hexagona , a very distinct species, flowers deep blue with yellow center, lasting in bloom a long time.	15	1 50
Humilis , a very distinct species, flowers rich purple reticulated white; June flowering.	25	2 50
Longipetala , a slender growing species, very free flowering, with remarkably long falls, these are pale blue veined white, while the standards are lavender.	25	2 50
Madonna , a new Arabian species (S) sky blue (F) a little deeper in shade very distinct, the roots of this are powerfully violet scented.	35	3 50
Madonna alba , pure white similar in growth to above.	25	2 50
Milesi , charming purple lilac flowers, very distinct, requiring a warm dry situation.	25	2 50
Monnierii , a bold and handsome species growing 3 feet high, with large golden flowers in June and July, received A.M. R. H. S., June 1900. (Award of merit Royal Horticultural Society).	50	5 00
Ochroleuca , (<i>gigantea</i>), one of the noblest of this family growing 4 to 5 feet high, foliage and stems perfectly erect, bearing large white and yellow flowers; it is well worth growing for its foliage alone, a plant we can strongly recommend.	25	2 50
Polaki (new), a slender growing species, with pleasing silvery gray flowers, reticulated violet.	25	2 50
Psuedo-acorus fol. var. , a variegated form of the British species, fine for damp situation.	25	2 50
Setosa , pretty lavender purple flowers, white at base of petals, very free flowering.	15	1 50
Sibirica , a distinct species, 3 feet, flowers small but numerous, a favorite for cutting.	15	1 50
Sibirica alba , pure white, 4 feet high, splendid for cutting. Strong plants.	15	1 50
Sibirica azurea , (S & F) sky blue, veined and netted white.	15	1 50
Sibirica Baxteri , (S) blue (F) white, stained and veined white.	20	2 00
Sibirica hæmatophylla , (S) violet blue, (F) blue reticulated white, very free flowering.	35	3 50
Sibirica lactea , very distinct variety (S & F) milky white.	20	2 00
Sibirica maxima , (S & F) rich true blue, flowers very large and free flowering.	15	1 50
Sibirica minima , only growing 2½ feet, flowers small very freely produced, of a rich purple reticulated white.	20	2 00
Sibirica orientalis (<i>Sanguinea</i>), purple foliage and rich crimson purple flowers.	20	2 00
Stateliæ , a very distinct plant, growing about 1 foot high, having large pale primrose colored flowers in April.	25	2 50
Stylosa , a lovely winter flowering species, sky blue flowers with yellow blotches, although hardy it must have a sheltered nook or between shrubs, where the flowers will be somewhat protected. Strong, easily forced. A gem for southern gardens. 10c. each, \$8 00 per 100		
Stylosa alba , similar to above, but with snow-white flowers; a gem for a cool house.	35	3 50
Stylosa Elizabethæ , very distinct, flowers of a rich blue, with white markings.	35	3 50
Stylosa lilacina , petals broad of a rich lilac, very distinct and early.	30	3 00
Stylosa speciosa , flowers rich purple, winter flowering.	30	3 00
Tectorum (<i>syn. tomiolopha</i>), a lovely Chinese species, with lovely pale blue flowers, beautifully reticulated, easily grown in pots or in a very sunny position, protected during winter.	35	3 50
Tridentata (<i>syn. Hookeri</i>), a beautiful species, large deep violet flowers.	35	3 50
Verna , a very distinct native species, flowers very sweetly scented, rich violet blue in early spring. \$4.00 per 100	05	60
Versicolor pallida , pale lavender blue, versicolor purpurea , deep purplish blue.	20	2 00
Virginica , rich purple violet, beautifully veined.	15	1 50
Virginica purpurea , (S) deep purple, (F) deep purple veined white.	20	2 00

WE IMPORT NEW AND RARE HARDY PLANTS FROM ALL PARTS OF EUROPE.



ALPINE IRIS, SCOTT. Sulphur-Gray Falls.